

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION

MICHAEL W. INGRAM,

Plaintiff,

v.

DARON HALL, SHERIFF OF
DAVIDSON COUNTY, ET AL.,

Defendants.

No. **3 09 0169**
(No. 3:09mc0004)
Judge Echols

ORDER

The Court has before it a *pro se* prisoner complaint brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The plaintiff, a prisoner in the Criminal Justice Center in Nashville, also has submitted an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

It appears from his application to proceed *in forma pauperis* that the plaintiff lacks sufficient financial resources to pay the filing fee. Therefore, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(4), the Clerk will **FILE** the complaint *in forma pauperis*. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a).

The plaintiff is herewith assessed the civil filing fee of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00). Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(b)(1)(A) and (B), the custodian of the plaintiff's inmate trust fund account at the institution where he now resides is directed to submit to the Clerk of Court, as an initial payment, whichever is the greater of:

- (a) twenty percent (20%) of the average monthly deposits to the plaintiff's inmate trust fund account; **or**
- (b) twenty percent (20%) of the average monthly balance in the plaintiff's inmate trust fund account for the prior six (6) months.

Thereafter, the custodian shall submit twenty percent (20%) of the plaintiff's preceding monthly

income, or income credited to the plaintiff's inmate trust fund account for the preceding month, but only when his monthly income exceeds ten dollars (\$10.00). Payments shall continue until the \$350.00 filing fee has been paid in full. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).

As provided in the memorandum entered contemporaneously herewith, the plaintiff's complaint is hereby **DISMISSED** as frivolous and for failure to state a claim on which relief may be granted. 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(e)(2)(B)(i)-(ii); 1915A(b)(1). Because an appeal from the judgment rendered herein would **NOT** be taken in good faith, the plaintiff is **NOT** certified to pursue an appeal from this judgment *in forma pauperis*. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3); *Coppedge v. United States*, 369 U.S. 438, 444-46 (1962). Nevertheless, should the plaintiff decide to file a notice of appeal, he either must pay the Clerk of Court the full appellate filing fee of four hundred fifty-five dollars (\$455.00), or submit a new application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with a certified copy of his inmate trust account statement for the six (6) month period preceding the filing of his notice of appeal. 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(a)(1) and (a)(2); *McGore v. Wrigglesworth*, 114 F.3d 601, 605 (6th Cir. 1997).

The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to the Sheriff of Davidson County to ensure that the custodian of the plaintiff's inmate trust fund account complies with the portion of the Prison Litigation Reform Act that pertains to the payment of filing fees.

Entry of this Order shall constitute the judgment in this action.

It is so **ORDERED**.



Robert L. Echols
United States District Judge